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FM AMEMBASSY TANANARIVE

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AMEMBASSY PARIS

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TAGS/ MARR, PFOR, MA, US

SUBJECT: PRESS STORIES ON DIEGO-SUAREZ SHIP VISIT CANCELLATION

REF: STATE 250131 (NOTAL)

1. TWO MOST WIDELY READ TANANARIVE FRENCH LANGUAGE NEWSPAPERS,  
"MADAGASCAR MATIN" AND GOVERNMENT-CONTROLLED MADAGASCAR PRESSE  
DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN, GAVE PROMINENT COVERAGE MORNING  
DEC 27 TO AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE STORY, DATEDLINE WASHINGTON  
DEC 26, ON MALAGASY GOVT'S RECENT DECISION TO CANCEL US NAVY  
SHIP VISIT DIEGO-SUAREZ. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS SIMILAR STORY  
BROADCAST VOA MORNING DEC 27.

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2. FREE TRANSLATION TEXT OF STORY FOLLOWS: "MADAGASCAR RECENTLY

CANCELLED SCHEDULED VISIT DIEGO-SUAREZ OF TWO (SIC) AMERICAN DESTROYERS FROM "TASK FORCE" OPERATING IN INDIAN OCEAN. THIS CALL, IT WAS LEARNED WEDNESDAY, SHOULD HAVE TAKEN PLACE BETWEEN DECEMBER 18 AND 22, BUT MALAGASY GOVERNMENT INFORMED UNITED STATES THAT THIS PORT HAD NEITHER ENOUGH SPACE TO RECEIVE THESE SHIPS NOR ENOUGH FUEL. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE EXPERTS THINK, HOWEVER, THAT TANANARIVE GOVT WISHED TO DEMONSTRATE BY THIS GESTURE, AND TO THE ARAB WORLD IN PARTICULAR, ITS NON-ALIGNMENT VIS-A-VIS UNITED STATES. VISIT BY TWO AMERICAN WARSHIPS COULD HAVE OFFENDED ARAB SENSITIVENESS, IT IS BELIEVE AT PENTAGON."

3. REFTEL RECEIVED AFTER ABOVE DRAFTED. EMBASSY/USIS WILL BE GUIDED THEREBY SHOULD FURTHER PRESS QUERIES ARISE LOCALLY.  
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